#### UNITED STATES FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION Washington, D.C. 20429

#### FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): February 14, 2024

#### BANK OZK

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Arkansas

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (FI

(FDIC Certificate Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**18000 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, Arkansas** (Address of principal executive offices) 72223 (Zip Code)

(501) 978-2265

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2.):

- () Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- () Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ( ) Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- () Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	OZK	Nasdaq Global Select Market
4.625% Series A Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	OZKAP	Nasdaq Global Select Market

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.  $\Box$ 

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

Bank OZK (the "Company") has published its quarterly Investor Presentation, reflecting fourth quarter and year-end 2023 financial information and other data. A copy of the Company's Investor Presentation is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

The information contained in this presentation is summary information that is intended to be considered in the context of the Company's filings with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") and other public announcements that the Company may make, by press release or otherwise, from time to time. The Company undertakes no duty or obligation to publicly update or revise the information contained in this report, although it may do so from time to time as its management believes is warranted. Any such updating may be made through the filing of other reports or documents with the FDIC, through press releases, or through other public disclosure, including disclosure on the Company's website.

#### **Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward-Looking Information**

This Current Report on Form 8-K and certain other communications by the Company contain statements that constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of, and subject to the protections of, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Such statements are based on currently available information and are subject to various risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the Company's present expectations. Undue reliance should not be placed on such forward-looking statements, as such statements speak only as of the date on which they are made and the Company undertakes no obligation to update such statements. Additional information regarding these and other risks is contained in the Company's filings with the FDIC.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) *Exhibits*. The following exhibit is being furnished to this Current Report on Form 8-K:
  - 99.1 Bank OZK Investor Presentation (February 2024)

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### **BANK OZK**

Date: February 14, 2024 By: /s/ Tim Hicks Name: Tim Hicks Title: Chief Financial Officer

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.Document Description99.1Bank OZK Investor Presentation (February 2024)

Exhibit 99.1



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## **Forward Looking Statements**

This presentation and other communications by Bank OZK (the "Bank") include certain "forward-looking statements" regarding the Bank's plans, expectations, thoughts, beliefs, estimates, goals and outlook for the future that are intended to be covered by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forwardlooking statements are based on management's expectations as well as certain assumptions and estimates made by, and information available to, management at the time. Those statements are not guarantees of future results or performance and are subject to certain known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, such forward-looking statements. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to: potential delays or other problems in implementing the Bank's growth, expansion and acquisition strategies, including hiring or retaining gualified personnel, obtaining regulatory or other approvals, delays in acquiring satisfactory sites, obtaining permits and designing, constructing and opening new offices or relocating, selling or closing existing offices; integrating any acquisitions; the availability of and access to capital; possible downgrades in the Bank's credit ratings or outlook which could increase the costs of or decrease the availability of funding from capital markets; the ability to attract new or retain existing deposits or to retain or grow loans, including growth from unfunded closed loans; the ability to generate future revenue growth or to control future growth in non-interest expense; interest rate fluctuations, including changes in the yield curve between short-term and long-term interest rates or changes in the relative relationships of various interest rate indices; competitive factors and pricing pressures, including their effect on the Bank's net interest margin or core spread; general economic, unemployment, credit market and real estate market conditions, and the effect of such conditions on the creditworthiness of borrowers, collateral values, the value of investment securities and asset recovery values; conditions within the banking industry, including the effects of recent failures of other financial institutions; recently enacted and potential laws and regulatory requirements or changes to existing laws and regulatory requirements, including changes affecting oversight of the financial services industry, changes intended to manage or mitigate climate and related environmental risks or changes in the interpretation and enforcement of such laws and requirements, and the costs and expenses to comply with new and/or existing legislation and regulatory requirements; uncertainty regarding changes in U.S. government monetary and fiscal policy; the impact of any U.S. federal government shutdown or budgetary crisis; FDIC special assessments or changes to regular assessments; the ability to keep pace with technological changes, including changes regarding artificial intelligence and maintaining cybersecurity; the impact of failure in, or breach of, our operational or security systems or infrastructure, or those of third parties with whom we do business or others, including as a result of cyber-attacks or an increase in the incidence or severity of fraud, illegal payments, security breaches or other illegal acts impacting the Bank, its customers or others; natural disasters; acts of war or terrorism; the potential impact of continuing inflationary pressures; the potential impact of supply chain disruptions; national or international political instability or military conflict, including the conflict in the Middle East and the ongoing war in Ukraine; the competition and costs of recruiting and retaining human talent; impairment of our goodwill; adoption of new accounting standards, or changes in existing standards; and adverse results (including costs, fines, reputational harm and/or other negative effects) from current or future litigation, regulatory examinations or other legal and/or regulatory actions or rulings as well as other factors identified in this communication or as detailed from time to time in our public filings, including those factors described in the disclosures under the headings "Forward-Looking Information" and "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 and our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. Should one or more of the foregoing risks materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results or outcomes may vary materially from those described in, or implied by, such forward-looking statements. The Bank disclaims any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements based on the occurrence of future events, the receipt of new information or otherwise.

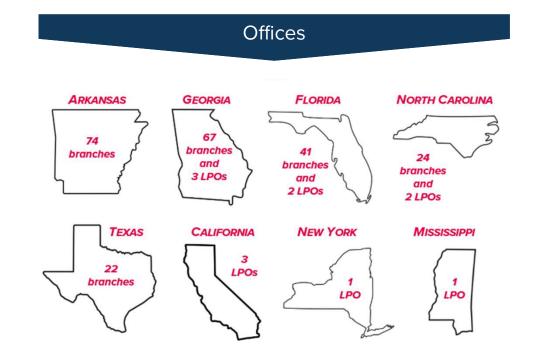


## 🔷 Bank OZK (Nasdaq: OZK) – At a Glance

Bank OZK is a high-performing regional bank with deep expertise in specialized lending businesses nationwide. It operates through 228 retail branches in Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and Texas and 12 loan production offices.

#### Recent Financial Highlights\*

•	Total Assets	\$34.2 billion
•	Total Loans	\$26.5 billion
•	Total Deposits	\$27.4 billion
•	Total Common Stockholders' Equity	\$4.80 billion
•	2023 Net Interest Margin	5.16%
•	2023 Efficiency Ratio	33.7%
•	2023 Net Charge-off Ratio	0.13%
•	2023 Return on Average Assets	2.20%
•	2023 Return on Average TCE <sup>+</sup>	17.5%
•	TCE / TA Ratio <sup>+</sup>	12.3%



In addition to the branches and loan production offices ("LPOs") above, we have our corporate headquarters located in Little Rock, AR; our RESG headquarters located in Dallas, TX; and our Indirect Lending headquarters located in Alpharetta, GA (each including a branch or LPO counted above); as well as an operations campus located in Ozark, AR; our OZK Labs in St. Petersburgh, FL; and a solar power plant located in Stuttgart, AR.

\* As of December 31, 2023

+ The calculation of the Bank's tangible common stockholders' equity ("TCE") and the reconciliation to GAAP are included in the schedule at the end of this presentation.





- Record Annual Net Income Available to Common Stockholders of \$674.6 million, an increase of 23.2% compared to 2022.
- **Record Annual Diluted Earnings Per Common Share** of \$5.87, an increase of 29.3% compared to 2022.
- Record Annual Pre-tax Pre-provision Net Revenue\* ("PPNR") of \$1.03 billion, an increase of 28.3% compared to 2022.
- **Record Annual Net Interest Income** of \$1.44 billion, an increase of 26.0% compared to 2022.
- Record Loan Balances Outstanding loans were \$26.46 billion, increasing \$5.68 billion, or 27.3%, in 2023.
- Record Deposit Balances Deposits were \$27.41 billion, increasing \$5.91 billion, or 27.5%, in 2023.
- Liquidity Available primary and secondary liquidity sources totaled \$10.9 billion.
- Asset Quality Our net charge-off ratio for total loans was 0.13% for the full year of 2023, and our year-end ratios of nonperforming non-purchased loans to total non-purchased loans and nonperforming assets to total assets were 0.23% and 0.36%, respectively.
- Return on Average Assets ("ROAA") and ACL Build For the full year of 2023, we achieved a ROAA of 2.20% while building our Allowance for Credit Losses ("ACL") by a net \$136.0 million.
- Sefficiency Ratio of 33.7% for the full year of 2023, among the best in the industry.
- Capital Our common stockholders' equity ratio and tangible common stockholders' equity ratio\* were 14.0% and 12.3%, respectively, at December 31, 2023. At December 31, 2023, our book value and tangible book value per common shares were \$42.42 and \$36.58, respectively, increases of 14.2% and 16.2% from December 31, 2022.
- **Dividends** We recently increased our dividend on common stock for the 54<sup>th</sup> consecutive quarter.

\* The calculations of the Bank's PPNR, tangible common stockholders' equity and tangible book value per share and the reconciliation to generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") are included in the schedule at the end of this presentation.



# Expertise in Key Lending Verticals Contributes to Our Favorable Asset Quality

We conduct extensive lending operations through our network of 228 branches and 12 loan production offices:

- Real Estate Specialties Group ("RESG") is a nationally recognized leader in commercial real estate construction and development finance.
- Our Community Bank originates loans through commercial (generalist) lenders and specialty lending teams.
- Indirect RV & Marine lending is a nationwide business originating consumer loans through an extensive dealer network.
- Other lending teams with a national focus include our Asset Based Lending Group ("ABLG") and our Corporate and Business Specialties Group ("CBSG").



## Loans Are Our Largest Category of Earning Assets

Our total loans at December 31, 2023 were a record \$26.46 billion, having increased \$5.68 billion, or 27.3%, from Non-Purchased Loans\* December 31, 2022 and \$1.13 billion, or 4.5% not annualized, from September 30, 2023. We expect good loan growth in 2024, but less than the \$5.68 billion achieved in 2023. Loan growth in 2024 may vary significantly from quarter to guarter and may be impacted by interest rates, economic conditions, competition or other

Strong Loan Portfolio Growth

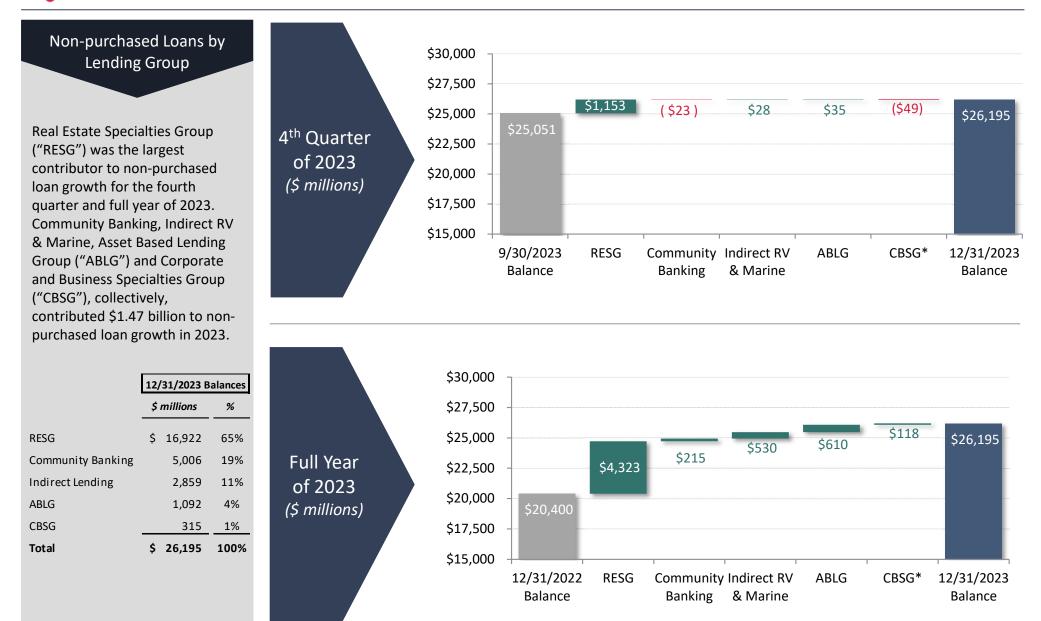
Combined with Excellent Yields





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## Expert Lending Teams Driving Diversified Growth



\* CBSG is a team focused on subscription finance, NAV finance, and other secured non-real estate lending opportunities.





Our "Growth, Growth &

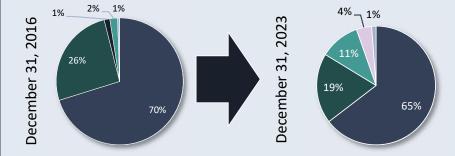
**Diversification**" strategy allows us to capitalize on the unique strengths and expertise of RESG, while also continuing to ramp up growth in other lending teams contributing to longterm growth and portfolio diversification.

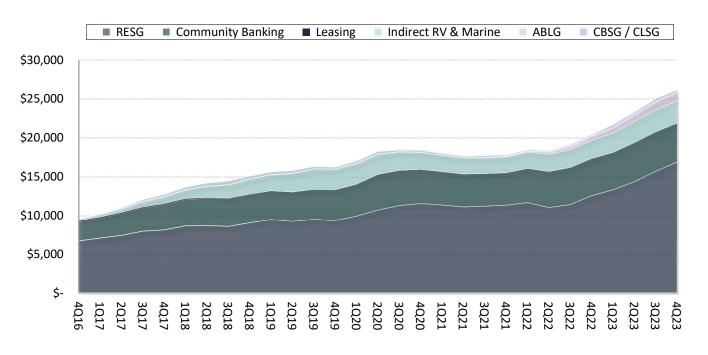
**Growth** in RESG - We want to continue to grow our RESG portfolio.

**Growth** in Other Portfolios - We also want to continue to achieve greater portfolio diversification through growth in our Community Banking, Indirect RV & Marine, CBSG and ABLG portfolios. We have good momentum with each of those teams.

Diversification - While RESG's percentage of our total loans may increase in 2024 due primarily to continued funding of RESG's record 2022 level of originations, we expect our other lending teams will contribute meaningfully to growth, especially in 2025 and 2026 when RESG is likely to have elevated levels of repayments, all of which should allow us to achieve greater portfolio diversification. We want to continue to grow our RESG portfolio while also achieving greater portfolio diversification through growth in our Community Banking, Indirect RV & Marine, CBSG and ABLG portfolios.

Even as our outstanding balance of RESG loans has continued to reach record levels in recent quarters, RESG's percentage of our total nonpurchased loans has declined from a peak of 70% at year-end 2016 to 65% as of December 31, 2023.







## RESG – Nationally Recognized Industry Leader

Started in 2003, RESG is a nationally recognized industry leader in construction, land & development ("CL&D") lending and handles our largest and most complex loans. It has been our most significant growth engine and should continue to contribute meaningfully to our growth. RESG provides superior risk-adjusted returns through a disciplined and differentiated business model developed over its 20+ year history.

RESG's industry leading position reflects the fact that throughout our 20-year history we have been open for business every day, in every market, always pursuing the opportunities, and only the opportunities, that meet our rigorous credit quality standards. Our reputation for expertise, consistency, dependability and execution help us maintain our industry leading position.

#### Portfolio Statistics – as of December 31, 2023

Total funded	\$16.92 Billion
Total funded & unfunded	\$33.67 Billion

RESG Loans at December 31, 2023 accounted for:

- 65% of our funded non-purchased loans
- 81% of our unfunded closed loans
- 72% of our total funded and unfunded balances of nonpurchased loans

#### **RESG Business Model Reduces Credit Risk**

- RESG is always the sole senior secured lender, making RESG loans the lowest risk position in the capital stack.
- RESG loans are characterized by low leverage, as reflected in its weighted average loan-to-cost ("LTC") ratio\* of 52% and loanto-value ("LTV") ratio\* of 43% at December 31, 2023.
- RESG loans are primarily for ground-up, new construction of high-quality assets which tend to be the most desirable for sale or leasing.
- RESG usually works with strong and capable sponsors, including some of the most seasoned and capable developers in the country.
- RESG loan documents include defensive structures, providing substantial protection to the bank.
  - Loans are typically (i) the last dollars to fund project costs (ii) and the first to be repaid, providing assurance of project completion and loan repayment.
  - Many loans also include some combination of preferred equity and mezzanine debt (all subordinate to our senior secured loan) providing repayment support in addition to that of the sponsor.
- RESG's "life of loan" focus utilizes thorough underwriting, rigorous economic analysis, stress testing, comprehensive and consistent documentation, precision at closing and life-of-loan asset management by teams of skilled asset managers.

\*Weighted average; assumes all loans are fully funded; LTV data based on most recent appraisals and utilizing, in most cases, "as stabilized" values for income producing properties



## Recent Trends in RESG Loan Originations and Repayments

#### Quarterly RESG Originations (\$ billions)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
FY2018	\$1.00	\$1.19	\$1.47	\$1.08	\$4.74
FY2019	\$1.86	\$1.15	\$2.03	\$1.44	\$6.48
FY2020	\$1.76	\$1.67	\$1.40	\$1.77	\$6.59
FY2021	\$1.28	\$1.46	\$2.21	\$2.99	\$7.94
FY2022	\$3.14	\$3.53	\$4.35	\$2.81	\$13.82
FY2023	\$1.81	\$1.41	\$1.95	\$2.05	\$7.22

- In the fourth quarter of 2023 RESG loan originations were \$2.05 billion, our highest of the year.
- RESG loan originations for the full year of 2023 were \$7.22 billion following record origination volume in 2022.
- Given the typical lag between RESG originations and the funding of such loans, the record 2022 origination volume should continue to contribute meaningfully to funded loan growth in 2024.
- RESG origination volume in 2024 is expected to be at or somewhat above the \$7.22 billion achieved during 2023.
- Origination volume may vary significantly from quarter to quarter and may be impacted by interest rates, economic conditions, competition or other factors.

#### Quarterly RESG Loan Repayments & Other Activity (\$ billions)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
FY2018	\$0.79	\$1.40	\$1.52	\$1.11	\$4.82
FY2019	\$1.13	\$1.54	\$1.34	\$1.66	\$5.67
FY2020	\$1.00	\$0.69	\$0.65	\$1.19	\$3.54
FY2021	\$1.48	\$1.68	\$1.34	\$1.72	\$6.22
FY2022	\$1.31	\$2.34	\$1.28	\$0.72	\$5.65
FY2023	\$0.91	\$1.03	\$1.10	\$0.97	\$4.01

- RESG's loan repayments and other activity were \$0.97 billion in the quarter just ended and \$4.01 billion for the full year of 2023.
- During 2023, RESG loan repayments were subdued as many sponsors carefully monitored interest rates and refinance market conditions to determine when to move projects from construction financing to bridge or permanent loans.
- Lower interest rates in 2024 may result in an increased level of loan repayments for the full year of 2024 as compared to 2023.
- RESG loan repayments may vary substantially from quarter to quarter and may have an outsized impact on our outstanding loan balances in one or more quarters.



Cadence of RESG Originations and Repayments - by Year of Origination

The table below shows the amount of each year's originations which have been repaid and which remain as outstanding commitments, both funded and unfunded, as of December 31, 2023.

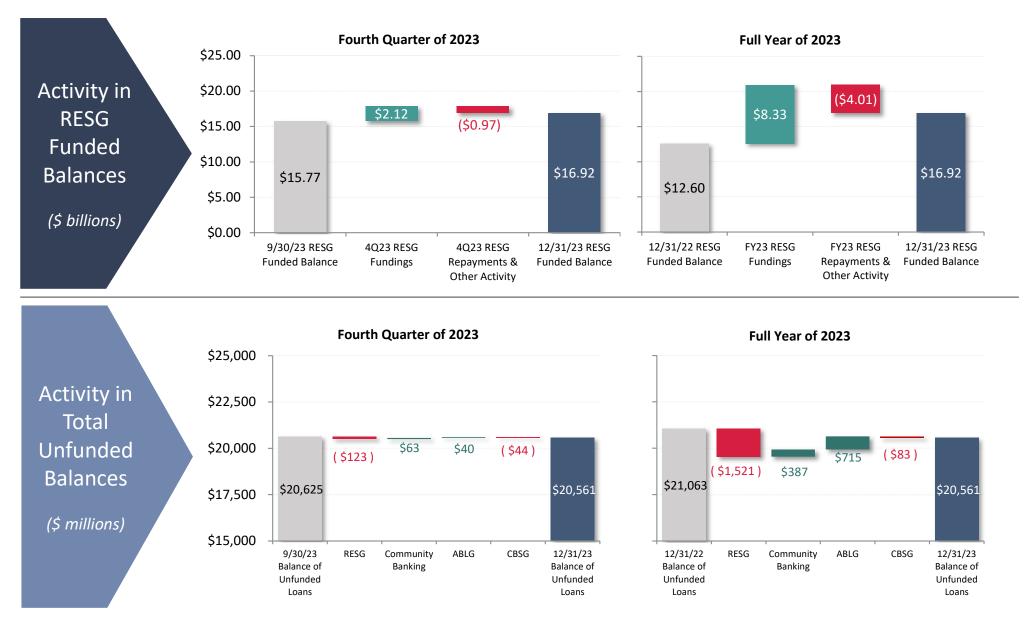


**Total Originations / Amount Repaid / Remaining Commitment** 

\* Amounts repaid are not shown for pre-2016 originations



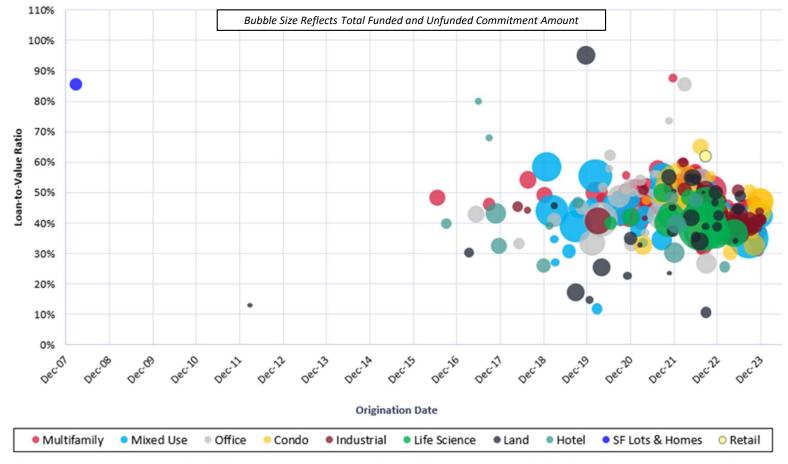
## Changes in the Funded Balance of RESG Loans and Our Total Unfunded Balance for the Fourth Quarter and Full Year of 2023





## RESG Portfolio By Origination Date & LTV (As of December 31, 2023)

The loan-to-value ("LTV") metrics on individual loans within the RESG portfolio as of December 31, 2023, are illustrated below. As of December 31, 2023, the RESG portfolio has three credits that are rated substandard and no credits rated special mention. These three credits have been discussed in recent Management Comments dated January 18, 2024.



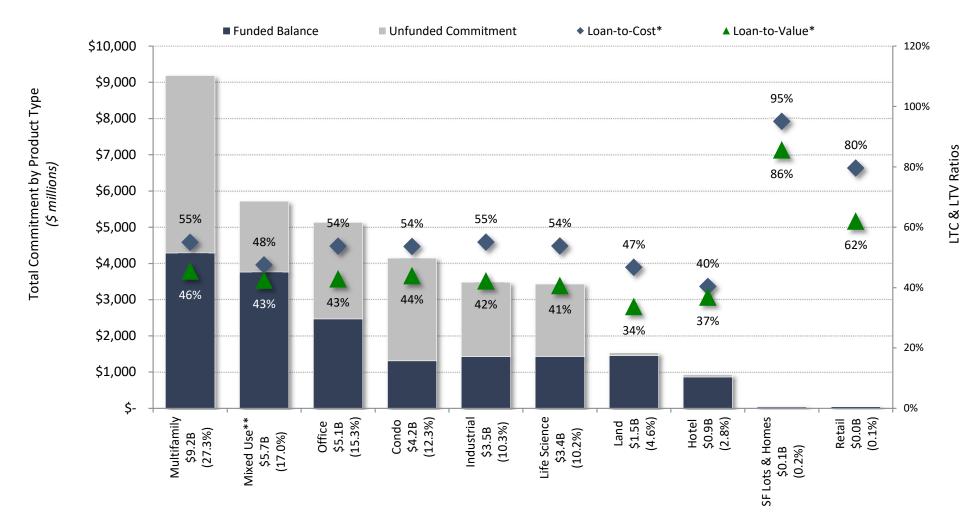
LTV ratios assume all loans are fully funded. LTV data based on most recent appraisals and utilizing, in most cases, "as stabilized" values for income producing properties.



## Product Type Diversification Within the RESG Portfolio

### RESG Portfolio Diversity by Product Type – as of December 31, 2023

Total Commitment (\$ millions) and Leverage



Product Type / Total Commitment (\$B) / (% of Total Commitment)

\* Weighted average; assumes all loans are fully funded; LTV data based on most recent appraisals and

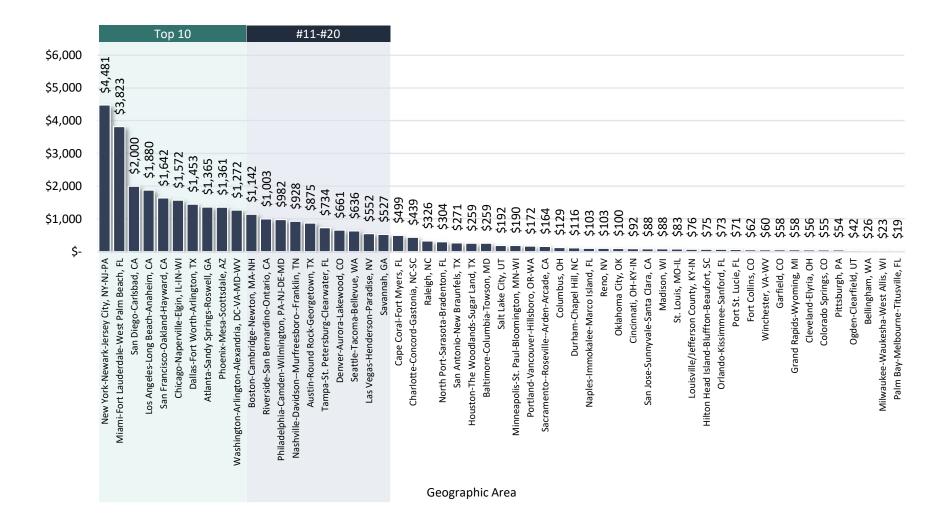
utilizing, in most cases, "as stabilized" values for income producing properties.

\*\* Mixed use projects contain multiple property types, none of which individually contribute 75% or more of the project value.



## RESG's Portfolio Diversity By Geography

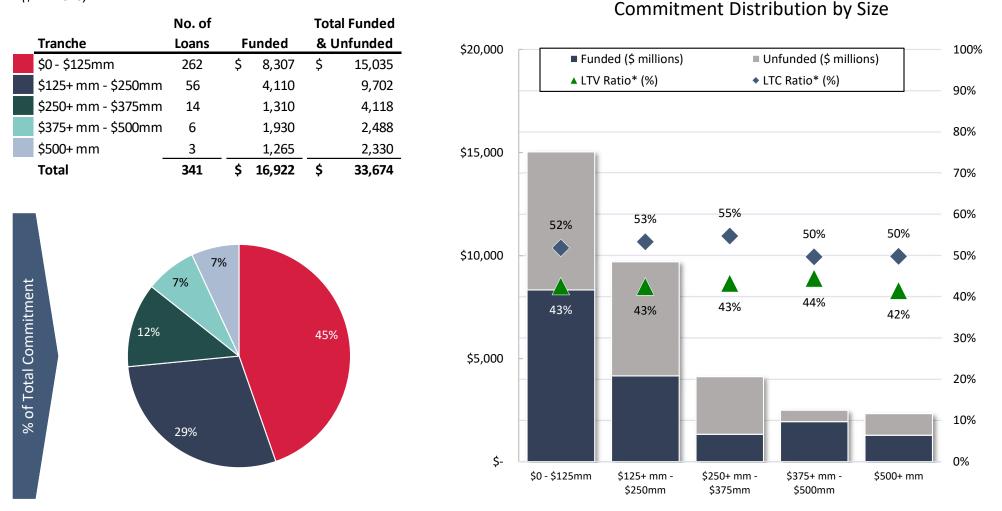
RESG's total commitments in each geographic area in which it had loans at December 31, 2023 reflect the national scope and significant geographic diversity in RESG's business.





## The RESG Portfolio Includes Loans of Many Different Sizes

#### (\$ millions)



\* Assumes all loans are fully funded; calculation based on total commitment by tranche as a % of total cost and total appraised value of loans within each tranche. LTV data based on most recent appraisals and utilizing, in most cases, "as stabilized" values for income producing properties.

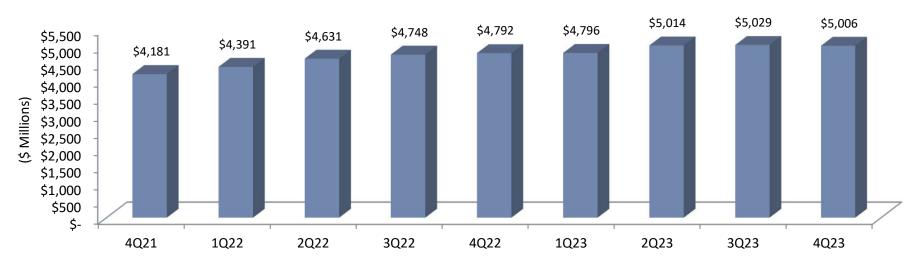




### Community Bank Lending – An Important & Well-Established Business

#### **Community Banking Business Model**

- Our Community Banking loans, which accounted for 19% of the funded balance of non-purchased loans as of December 31, 2023, include consumer and small business loans, loans originated by our commercial (generalist) lenders, and loans originated by our specialty lending teams in Community Banking, which include our government guaranteed, agricultural (including poultry), business aviation, affordable housing, middle market CRE, home builder finance and equipment finance/capital solutions lending teams.
- Growth in these units is an important part of our broader strategy for portfolio diversification, both in terms of product types and geography.



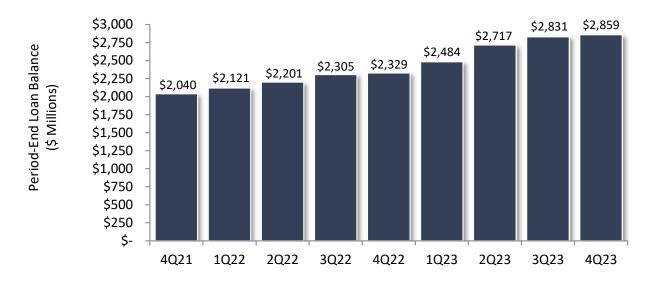
#### Community Banking's Non-purchased Loans

Period End Non-purchased Community Banking Loans



## Indirect RV & Marine Lending – A Nationwide Business

Indirect RV & Marine lending ("ILD") is a nationwide business that has allowed us to originate consumer loans while maintaining our conservative credit-quality standards.



ILD Portfo	olio Mix*	k	ILD	ILD Non-purchased Loans By Loan Size*							
				RV	Portfolio	Marine Portfolio					
			Loan Size	Total #	\$ thousands	Total #	\$ thousands				
			\$1 million +	1	\$ 1,589	63	\$ 130,702				
47%	53%		\$750k - \$999k	1	989	52	44,768				
4770			\$250k - \$749k	588	184,301	708	263,445				
		<b>′</b>	\$50k - \$249k	10,543	1,177,698	6,694	793,371				
				5,879	163,847	3,223	98,500				
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#### ILD Trends

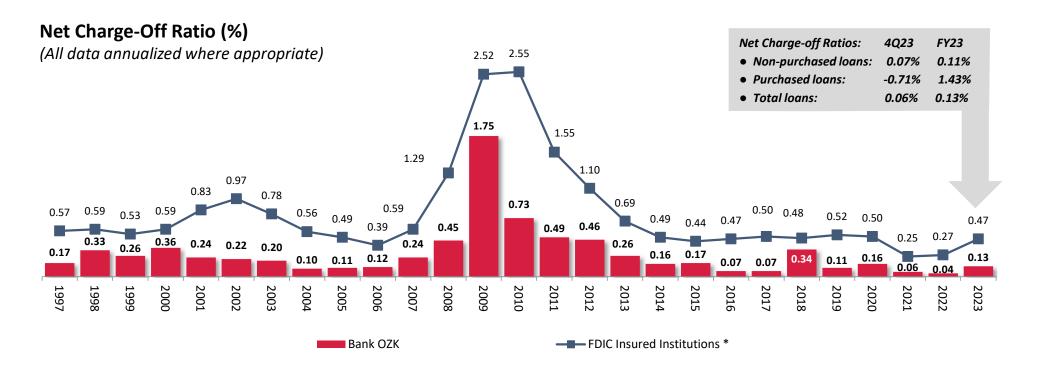
- This portfolio accounted for 11% of the funded balance of non-purchased loans as of December 31, 2023. Our objective is to maintain this portfolio within a range of 10% to 15% of our total loans.
- As of December 31, 2023, the non-purchased indirect portfolio had a 30+ day past due ratio of 0.22%.
- For the fourth quarter and full year of 2023, our annualized net charge-off ratio for the nonpurchased indirect portfolio was 0.31% and 0.28%, respectively.



\* At December 31, 2023

## > Asset Quality Consistently Better than the Industry Average

Since going public in 1997, our average annual net charge-off ratio has outperformed the industry in every year, and it has been approximately one-third of the industry's net charge-off ratio.



We have built our portfolio with the goal that it will perform well in adverse conditions, and that discipline has been evident in our recent results through the pandemic, the Fed's increasing interest rates, higher rates of inflation, and numerous other sources of macroeconomic, political and geo-political turbulence. Given our cautious outlook regarding uncertainty with U.S. economic conditions, and consistent with recent industry trends, we expect we may see some increase in net charge-offs in 2024, but we expect to remain well below the industry average. Our net charge-off ratio may vary significantly from quarter to quarter.



### Our Favorable Ratios of Nonperforming Loans, Nonperforming Assets and Loans Past Due Provide Meaningful Data Points on our Asset Quality

#### Asset Quality Overview

Our ratios for nonperforming nonpurchased loans ("NPLs"), nonperforming assets, excluding purchased loans ("NPAs") and nonpurchased loans past due 30+ days, including nonaccrual nonpurchased loans ("Loans Past Due") continued our longstanding track record of performing well relative to industry averages, and we expect our favorable performance relative to the industry to generally continue.

NPLs were \$61 million, or 0.23% of total non-purchased loans, at 12/31/2023.

NPAS (\$ millions)

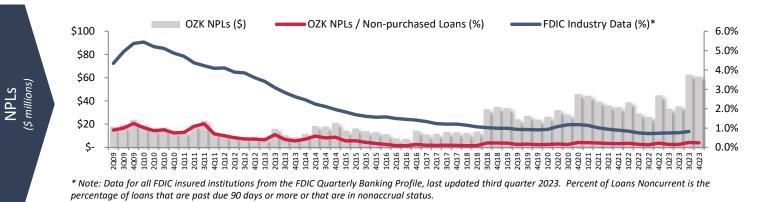
Loans Past Due

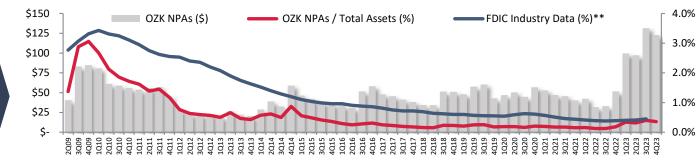
millions)

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NPAs, which include NPLs and foreclosed assets, were \$123 million, or 0.36% of total assets, at 12/31/2023.

Loans Past Due, including past due nonaccrual non-purchased loans, were \$52 million, or 0.20% of total non-purchased loans, at 12/31/2023.





\*\* Note: Data for all FDIC insured institutions from the FDIC Quarterly Banking Profile, last updated third quarter 2023. Noncurrent assets plus other real estate owned to assets (%).

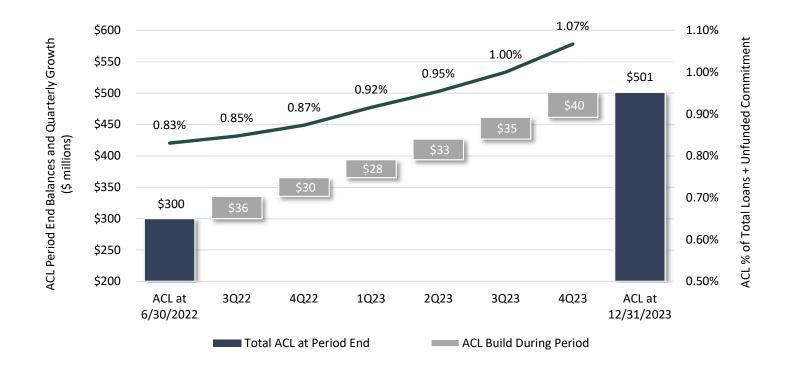


\*\*\* Note: Data for all FDIC insured institutions from the FDIC Quarterly Banking Profile, last updated third quarter 2023. Percent of Loans Noncurrent + Percent of Loans 30-89 Days Past Due.



## Allowance for Credit Losses ("ACL") Build Over the Last Six Quarters

Over the last six quarters we have increased our total ACL by a net \$201 million. This large increase reflects both our \$10.9 billion combined growth in total outstanding loans and unfunded loan commitments and our cautious outlook on macroeconomic conditions. This has resulted in cumulative provision expense of \$238 million even as our cumulative net charge-offs were only \$36 million. Likewise, over those six quarters, our overall ACL percentage has increased from 0.83% to 1.07% of total outstanding loans and unfunded loan commitments at December 31, 2023. This ACL percentage increase primarily reflects (i) changes in economic assumptions as the Fed has increased the Fed funds target rate by 525 bps and (ii) our more heavily weighting the Moody's downside macroeconomic scenarios than the Moody's Baseline scenario.



We are particularly pleased to have reported record net income and record diluted earnings per share in each of the last five quarters while achieving a substantial build in our ACL.





Our provision for credit losses was \$43.8 million and \$165.5 million, respectively, for the fourth quarter and full year of 2023, while our net charge-offs were \$4.1 million and \$29.5 million, respectively, for the fourth quarter and full year of 2023. As of December 31, 2023, our total ACL was \$501.2 million, or 1.07% of total outstanding loans and unfunded loan commitments. This included our allowance for loan losses ("ALL"), which was \$339.4 million, or 1.28% of total outstanding loans, and our reserve for losses on our unfunded loan commitments, which was \$161.8 million, or 0.79% of unfunded loan commitments.



Scenario Forecast Overview

The calculations of our provision for credit losses for the fourth quarter of 2023 and our total ACL at December 31, 2023 were based on a number of key estimates, assumptions and economic forecasts.

We utilized recent economic forecasts provided by Moody's, including their updates released in December 2023.

In our selection of macroeconomic scenarios, we remained weighted to the downside as the combined weightings assigned to the Moody's S4 (Alternative Adverse Downside) and S6 (Stagflation) scenarios exceeded that of the Moody's Baseline scenario.





Even though the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act of 2018 repealed portions of the Dodd-Frank Act stress testing requirements, we continue to conduct robust stress tests.







Capital stress testing, including the most severe annual Federal Reserve stress scenario and six other scenarios, is completed annually Liquidity stress testing with four different scenarios is completed quarterly

Commercial Real Estate ("CRE") stress testing is completed quarterly utilizing at least seven different scenarios

These tests provide us excellent insight into our expected performance under a broad range of stress scenarios.



# High Performing Regional Branch Network Provides Diverse and Stable Deposits

## Substantial and Diverse Sources of Liquidity

## Well-Positioned Securities Portfolio



## Diverse & Stable Deposit Base and Liquidity Sources

In recent years, we have worked to improve the mix and quality of our deposit base by focusing significant efforts on growing our core relationships. This groundwork has been very helpful in the current environment, allowing us to continue to grow deposits even as many banks have seen deposit outflows. Like many in the industry, we have seen a shift in the mix of deposits away from noninterest bearing and lower cost deposits to more time deposits as many customers have been taking advantage of increases in time deposit rates.

						Period E	nded				
		12/31/	12/31/2022		/31/2023 6/30/2023			9/30/2	2023	12/31/2	2023
Deposit	Noninterest Bearing Consumer and Commercial Interest Bearing:	\$ 4,658	21.7%	\$ 4,420	19.8%	\$ 4,535	18.9%	\$ 4,284	16.8%	\$ 4,096	14.9%
Composition	Consumer - Non-time	3,916	18.2%	3,490	15.7%	3,143	13.1%	2,928	11.5%	2,792	10.2%
Overview	Consumer - Time	4,936	23.0%	6,155	27.6%	7,499	31.3%	8,756	34.3%	10,216	37.3%
	Commercial - Non-time	2,741	12.7%	2,487	11.2%	2,334	9.7%	2,321	9.1%	2,439	8.9%
(6	Commercial - Time	516	2.4%	560	2.5%	621	2.6%	684	2.7%	768	2.8%
(\$ millions)	Public Funds	2,103	9.8%	2,325	10.4%	2,595	10.8%	2,992	11.7%	3,726	13.6%
	Brokered	2,050	9.5%	2,104	9.5%	2,356	9.8%	2,775	10.9%	2,655	9.7%
	Reciprocal	578	2.7%	743	3.3%	901	3.8%	813	3.0%	713	2.6%
	Total	\$ 21,500	100.0%	\$ 22,283	100.0%	\$ 23,983	100.0%	\$ 25,553	100.0%	\$ 27,405	100.0%

Available Primary & Secondary Liquidity Sources as of December 31, 2023

(\$ millions)

	Tota	al Capacity	Ou	tstanding	Avai	lable Liquidity
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	2,150	\$		\$	2,150
Unpledged Investment Securities		2,237				2,237
FHLB		9,633		4,390 *		5,243
Unsecured Lines of Credit		950		-		950
Fed Discount Window**		357		-		357
Total	\$	15,327	\$	4,390	\$	10,937

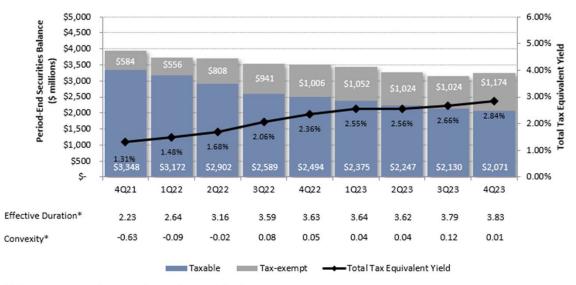
\* FHLB Borrowings outstanding included \$800 million of borrowings outstanding and \$3.59 billion of outstanding letters of credit at 12/31/23.

\*\* Funds available through Fed discount window does not include any enhanced borrowing capacity resulting from the Bank Term Funding Program. Most of our deposits are generated through our network of 228 retail branches in Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and Texas. Because of the substantial "retail" nature of our deposit base, 82% of our deposits are either insured (66% at December 31, 2023) or, in the case of public funds and certain other deposits, collateralized (16% at December 31, 2023). As of December 31, 2023, our average account balance was approximately \$43,000. The diversity of our deposit base is an important factor in the stability of our deposits, as demonstrated in recent quarters.





- We have a well-positioned investment securities portfolio.
  - We have no held-to-maturity ("HTM") securities
  - Our securities portfolio has a short effective duration
  - Securities are a low percentage of total assets
- We have long believed that holding our securities as available-for-sale or trading provides us maximum liquidity and flexibility to manage our balance sheet, while most accurately reflecting our financial position.



<sup>\*</sup> Effective duration and convexity data as of the end of each respective quarter.

- At December 31, 2023, our investment securities portfolio was \$3.24 billion, a decrease of \$0.26 billion, or 7.3%, from December 31, 2022, but an increase of \$0.09 billion, or 2.9% not annualized, from September 30, 2023, as better mark-tomarket adjustments more than offset portfolio net paydowns during the quarter just ended.
- Our investment securities portfolio contains a number of short-term securities providing us cash flow to reinvest or otherwise redeploy. Principal cash flow from maturities and other principal repayments in the first quarter of 2024 is expected to be approximately \$0.18 billion, or about 5.5% of the portfolio. Cumulative principal cash flow for 2024 is expected to be approximately \$1.00 billion, or about 30.6% of the portfolio.
- In the quarter just ended, our investment portfolio yield on a fully taxable equivalent basis was 2.84%, an increase of 48 bps from the fourth quarter of 2022 and 18 bps from the third quarter of 2023.



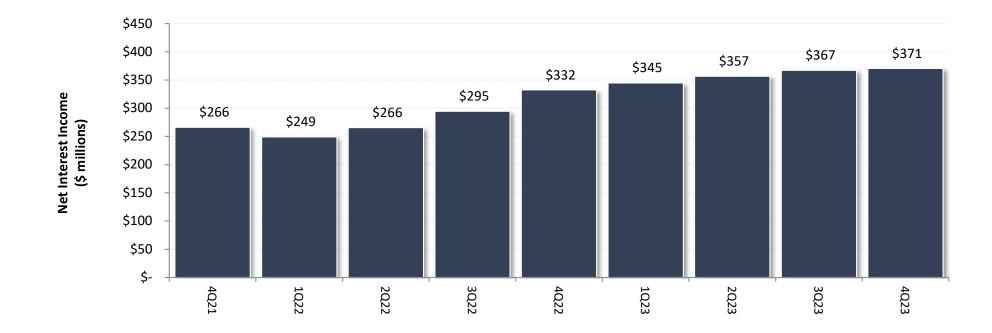
<sup>\*</sup> Effective duration and convexity data as of the end of each respective quarter.

## Our Industry Leading Net Interest Margin and Efficiency Ratio Result in Dominant Profitability



## Net Interest Income Is Our Largest Category of Revenue

Our net interest income for the fourth quarter of 2023 was a record \$371 million, an 11.4% increase from \$332 million for the fourth quarter of 2022. Our net interest income for the full year of 2023 was \$1.44 billion, a 26.0% increase from \$1.14 billion for the full year of 2022.

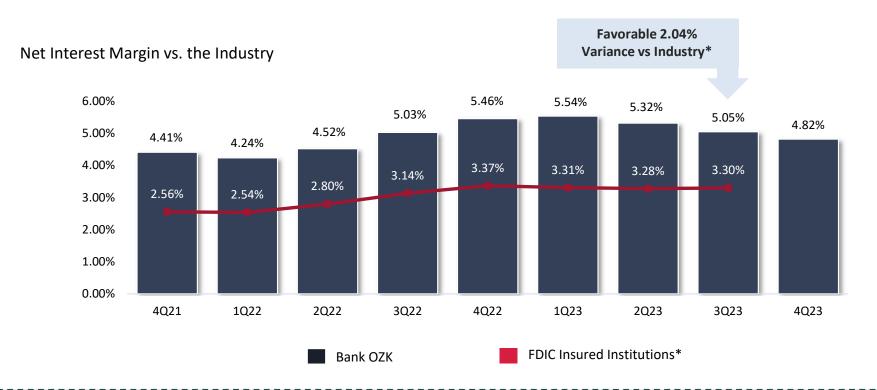


Our net interest income in the quarter just ended was our sixth consecutive record and resulted from our increased revenue from growth in average earning assets more than offsetting the impact of the decrease in our net interest margin. In 2024, we expect further growth in average earning assets and further decreases in our net interest margin, with the interplay between these two metrics, along with Fed interest rate decisions, primarily determining whether net interest income increases or decreases in each quarter from the level achieved in the quarter just ended.





- During the quarter just ended, our net interest margin was 4.82%, decreasing 23 bps and 64 bps from the third quarter of 2023 and fourth quarter of 2022, respectively.
- Compared to the third quarter of 2023, our yield on average earning assets in the quarter just ended increased nine bps to 7.85%, and our cost of interest bearing liabilities increased 36 bps to 3.95%. Compared to the fourth quarter of 2022, our yield on average earning assets increased 131 bps and our cost of interest bearing liabilities increased 241 bps.



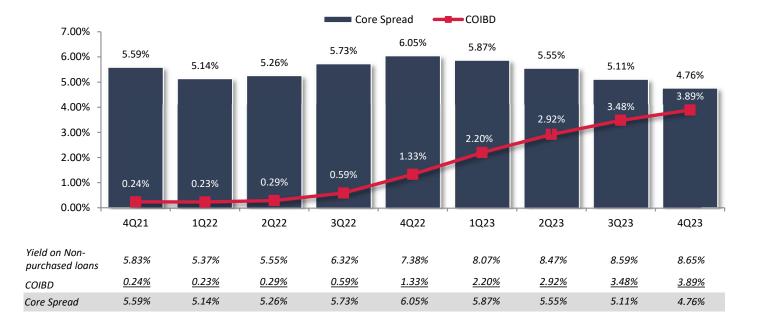
We continue to outperform the industry on net interest margin. In fact, in the third quarter of 2023, the latest quarter for which comparative data is available, our net interest margin outperformed the industry by 175 bps.

\* Data for all FDIC insured institutions from the FDIC Quarterly Banking Profile, last updated third quarter 2023.



Our Core Spread and Cost of Interest Bearing Deposits ("COIBD")

• During the quarter just ended, our core spread, which is how we describe the difference between our yield on non-purchased loans and our COIBD, was 4.76%, a decrease of 35 bps and 129 bps from the third quarter of 2023 and fourth quarter of 2022, respectively.

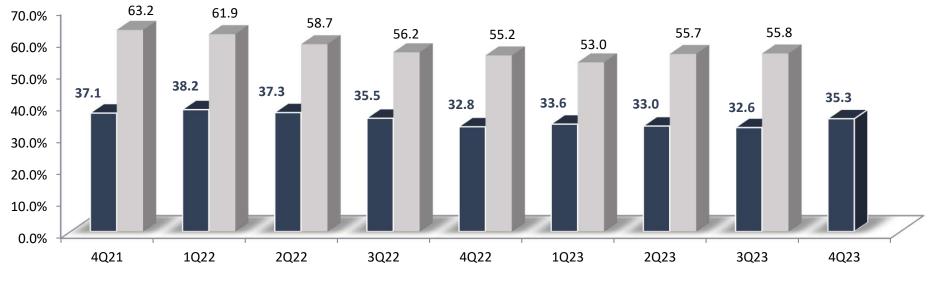


- Over the last seven quarters since the Fed started increasing the Fed funds target rate, our non-purchased loan yields increased 328 bps while our COIBD increased 366 bps, resulting in a cumulative decrease in our core spread of 38 bps. Over that same period, our net interest margin increased 58 bps primarily due to a change in the mix of our average earning assets, among other factors. During 2023, our COIBD increased more than our yield on non-purchased loans, as deposit rates began to catch up with changes in variable-rate loan yields.
- We expect our COIBD will continue to increase over the next few quarters, albeit at a slowing pace of increase, likely resulting in some further decreases in our core spread and net interest margin. If the Fed begins to cut rates some time in 2024, we would expect that our loan yields will initially decline more quickly than our COIBD, which could result in some further short term pressure on our core spread and net interest margin.



## Efficiency Ratio Among the Best in the Industry

- Most banks with a good efficiency ratio focus relentlessly on controlling costs. We take a different approach. We achieve our excellent efficiency ratio by pursuing a business model that generates strong revenue. This allows us to be highly efficient while also constantly improving our products and technology for our customers and providing competitive pay and benefits for our teammates.
- As shown below, in the quarter just ended, our efficiency ratio was 35.3%. For the full year of 2023, our efficiency ratio was 33.7%.



#### Efficiency Ratio (%) vs. the Industry

Bank OZK FDIC Insured Institutions\*

## We have consistently been among the nation's most efficient banks, having ranked in the top decile of the industry for 21 consecutive years.\*\*

\* Data for all FDIC insured institutions from the FDIC Quarterly Banking Profile, last updated third quarter 2023.

\*\* Data from S&P Global CapIQ.

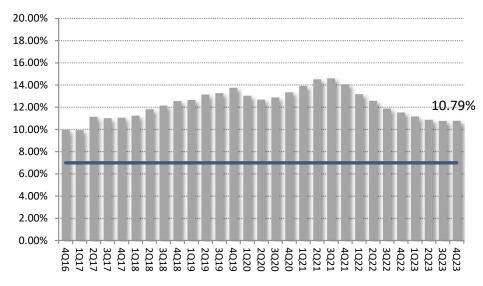


# Our Strong Capital Provides Maximum Optionality and Shareholder Returns

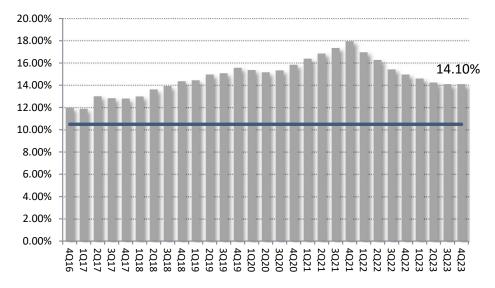


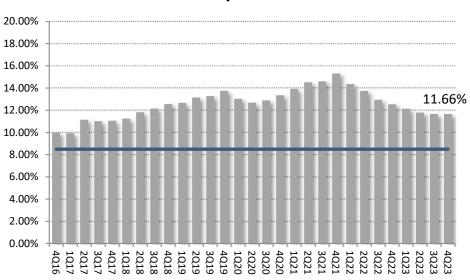


**CET 1 Capital Ratio** 

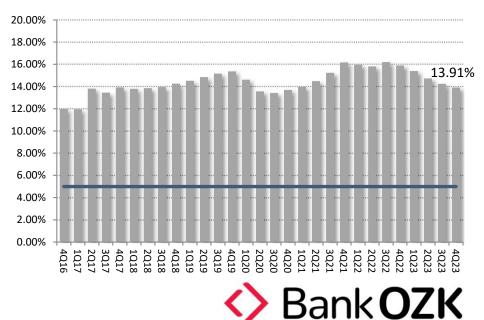


**Total Risk Based Capital Ratio** 



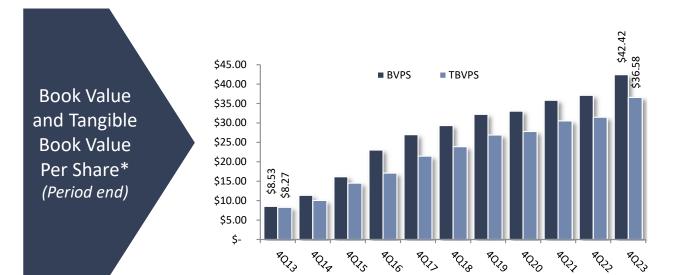


**Tier 1 Leverage Ratio** 



**Tier 1 Capital Ratio** 

## **Building Capital and Delivering for Shareholders**

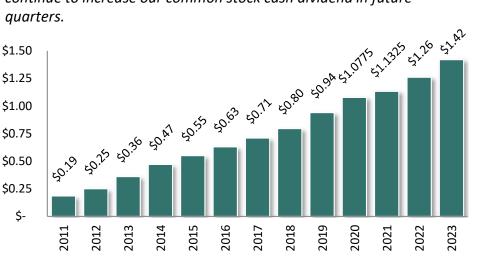


Over the last 10 years, we have increased book value and tangible book value per common share by a cumulative 397% and 342%, respectively, resulting in compound annual growth rates of 17.4% and 16.0%, respectively.

As of December 31, 2023, our book value and tangible book value per share were \$42.42 and \$36.58, respectively.

We have increased our common stock cash dividend in each of the last 54 quarters and every year since our IPO in 1997. We expect to continue to increase our common stock cash dividend in future quarters.





\*Calculation of the Bank's tangible book value per common share, including the reconciliation to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure is included in the schedule at the end of this presentation. Management believes presentation of the non-GAAP financial measures provides useful supplemental information that contributes to a proper understanding of the financial results and capital levels of the Bank.

#### Stock Repurchase Program Details

- During the full year of 2023, we repurchased 4.3 million shares for \$151.5 million, which equates to a weighted average cost of approximately \$35.19 per share. During the quarter just ended, we did not repurchase any shares and our recent stock repurchase program expired on November 9, 2023.
- Our substantial growth in 2023 helped us profitably deploy capital. We expect further growth in 2024.
- In evaluating whether or not we will pursue future stock repurchases, management will consider a variety of factors including our expected growth, stock price, capital position, regulatory requirements and other factors.



## Strong Results, Driven by Strong Leadership



## Deep and Talented Executive Management Team

### Our management team has on average 15 years of experience with Bank OZK.

Executive Name | Title | Years of OZK Service | Years of Relevant Experience



George Gleason Chairman & CEO 45 years with OZK 47 years



**Brannon Hamblen** President 16 years with OZK 34 years



**Tim Hicks** Chief Financial Officer 15 years with OZK 30 years



**Cindy Wolfe** Chief Operating Officer 26 years with OZK 36 years



Alan Jessup Chief Lending Officer 16 years with OZK 30 years



John Carter Chief Credit Officer 12 years with OZK 22 years



Scott Trapani Chief Risk Officer 5 years with OZK 36 years



Helen Brown General Counsel and Corporate Secretary 10 years with OZK 22 years



Stan Thomas Chief Accounting Officer 13 years with OZK 22 years



Tamara Gotham Chief Administrative Officer 8 years with OZK 16 years



**Jason Cathey** Chief Information Officer 8 years with OZK 20 years



Patrick Carr Managing Director – Corporate Finance Data & Technology 2 years with OZK 29 years



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## We Have a Strong and Diverse Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors consists of 13 members, 12 of whom are independent. Our directors possess high levels of technical skill and significant and diverse business experience. Active engagement is encouraged, which creates an atmosphere of effective challenge and collaboration with management.

Director Name & Principal Occupation



Nicholas Brown **Retired President & CEO** Southwest Power Pool



Robert East Chairman Robert East Company, Inc.



George Gleason Chairman & CEO Bank OZK





**Ross Whipple** 

Horizon Timber Services, Inc.

President



Strategy Leader Sony Group Corporation Peter Kenny Independent Market Strategist

Paula Cholmondeley

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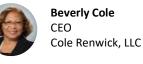
Kathleen Franklin

**Global Ethics & Compliance** 

Principal

Christopher Orndorff

CEO & Chief Investment Officer Cercano Management LLC







Steven Sadoff **Chief Information Officer** Cantor Fitzgerald L.P.

Jeffrey Gearhart

Walmart, Inc.

CFO

& Corporate Secretary

William A. Koefoed, Jr.

OneStream Software LLC

Retired EVP, Global Governance

- Four female members (31%)
- \*\* Four directors self identified as racially or ethnically diverse (31%)
- ••• Average age of 65 years, with a range of 47 to 76 years
- Average independent \*\* tenure of 8.5 years

*Our Governance Committee takes a long-term approach to Board composition. By retaining some longer-serving directors and* periodically refreshing the composition of the Board, the Governance Committee seeks a blend of Board tenure that preserves institutional knowledge of the Company, our industry and our culture – a key element of our long-term success – while also injecting fresh perspectives and maintaining effective strategic direction and independence.

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Note: All statistics referenced on this page are as of the Annual Shareholder Meeting on May 6, 2024.









## Non-GAAP Reconciliations





#### Calculation of Total Common Stockholders' Equity, Total Tangible Common Stockholders' Equity and Tangible Book Value per Share

#### Unaudited (Dollars in Thousands, Except per Share)

			Fo	r th	e period en	dec	l December	31,		
		2013	2014		2015		2016		2017	2018
Total stockholders' equity before noncontrolling interest Less preferred stock		629,060 -	\$ 908,390	\$	1,464,631 -	\$	2,791,607	\$	3,460,728	\$ 3,770,330
Total common stockholders' equity		629,060	 908,390		1,464,631		2,791,607		3,460,728	 3,770,330
Less intangible assets:										
Goodwill		(5,243)	(78,669)		(125,442)		(660,119)		(660,789)	(660,789)
Core deposit and other intangibles, net of accumulated amortization		(13,915)	(26,907)		(26,898)		(60,831)		(48,251)	(35,672)
Total intangibles		(19,158)	(105,576)		(152,340)		(720,950)		(709,040)	(696,461)
Total tangible common stockholders' equity	\$	609,902	\$ 802,814	\$	1,312,291	\$	2,070,657	\$	2,751,688	\$ 3,073,869
Common shares outstanding (thousands)		73,712	79,924		90,612		121,268		128,288	 128,611
Book value per common share	\$	8.53	\$ 11.37	\$	16.16	\$	23.02	\$	26.98	\$ 29.32
Tangible book value per common share	\$	8.27	\$ 10.04	\$	14.48	\$	17.08	\$	21.45	\$ 23.90

			For the pe	erio	d ended De	cen	nber 31,			As of
	2019		2020		2021		2022	2023	Se	p. 30, 2023
Total stockholders' equity before noncontrolling interest	\$ 4,150,351	\$	4,272,271	\$	4,836,243	\$	4,689,579	\$ 5,139,001	\$	4,903,504
Less preferred stock			-		(338,980)		(338,980)	 (338,980)		(338,980)
Total common stockholders' equity	4,150,351		4,272,271		4,497,263		4,350,599	 4,800,021		4,564,524
Less intangible assets:										
Goodwill	(660,789	)	(660,789)		(660,789)		(660,789)	(660,789)		(660,789)
Core deposit and other intangibles, net of										
accumulated amortization	(23,753	)	(14,669)		(8,274)		(2,754)	 -		-
Total intangibles	(684,542	2)	(675,458)		(669,063)		(663,543)	 (660,789)		(660,789)
Total tangible common stockholders' equity	\$ 3,465,809	\$	3,596,813	\$	3,828,200	\$	3,687,056	\$ 4,139,232	\$	3,903,735
Common shares outstanding (thousands)	128,951		129,350		125,444		117,177	113,149		113,136
Book value per common share	\$ 32.19	\$	33.03	\$	35.85	\$	37.13	\$ 42.42	\$	40.35
Tangible book value per common share	\$ 26.88	\$	27.81	\$	30.52	\$	31.47	\$ 36.58	\$	34.50

Note: All share and per share data adjusted to reflect impact of 2-for-1 stock split on June 23, 2014.

Represents ending balances, as determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S., ending shares outstanding and tangible book value per share as of the date indicated. Unaudited, financial data in thousands, except per share amounts.





Calculation of Total Common Stockholders' Equity, Total Tangible Common Stockholders' Equity and the Ratio of Total Tangible Common Stockholders' Equity to Total Tangible Assets Unaudited (Dollars in Thousands) Calculation of Average Common Stockholders' Equity, Average Tangible Common Stockholders' Equity and the Annualized Returns on Average Common Stockholders' Equity and Average Tangible Common Stockholders' Equity Unaudited (Dollars in Thousands)

	December 31,		Three Mont	hs Ended *	Twelve Mor	nths Ended
	2023		12/31/2022	12/31/2023	12/31/2022	12/31/2023
Total stockholders' equity before noncontrolling interest Less preferred stock	\$       5,139,001 (338,980)	Net Income Available To Common Stockholders	\$ 158,832	\$ 171,079	\$ 547,520	\$ 674,596
Total common stockholders' equity Less intangible assets: Goodwill Core deposit and other intangible assets, net of	4,800,021 (660,789)	Average Stockholders' Equity Before Noncontrolling Interest Less Average Preferred Stock Total Average common stockholders' equity	4,608,570 (338,980) 4,269,590	4,995,217 (338,980) 4,656,237	4,662,467 (338,980) 4,323,487	4,855,976 (338,980) 4,516,996
accumulated amortization Total intangibles Total tangible common stockholders' equity Total assets	(660,789) \$ 4,139,232 \$ 34,237,457	Less Average Intangible Assets: Goodwill Core deposit and other intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization	(660,789) (3,421)	(660,789) -	(660,789) (5,443)	(660,789) (821)
Less intangible assets:		Total Average Intangibles	(664,210)	(660,789)	(666,232)	(661,610)
Goodwill Core deposit and other intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization	(660,789)	Average Tangible Common Stockholders' Equity	\$ 3,605,380	\$ 3,995,448	\$ 3,657,255	\$ 3,855,386
Total intangibles	(660,789)	Return On Average Common Stockholders' Equity	14.76%	14.58%	12.66%	14.93%
Total tangible assets Ratio of total common stockholders' equity to total assets	<u>33,576,668</u> 14.02%	Return On Average Tangible Common Stockholders' Equity	17.48%	16.99%	14.97%	17.50%
Ratio of total tangible common stockholders' equity to total tangible assets	12.33%	* Ratios for interim periods annualized based on actual days				

#### **Calculation of Pre-Tax Pre-Provision Net Revenue**

Unaudited (Dollars in Thousands)

	Three Months Ended Twelve M						onths Ended			
	12	2/31/2022	12	2/31/2023	12	2/31/2022	12/31/2023			
Net income available to common stockholders	\$	158,832	\$	171,079	\$	547,520	\$	674,596		
Preferred stock dividends		4,047		4,047		16,621		16,187		
Earnings attributable to noncontrolling interest		(54)		6		(51)		56		
Provision for income taxes		45,686		43,600		157,440		176,164		
Provision for credit losses		32,508		43,832		83,494		165,470		
Pre-tax pre-provision net revenue	\$	241,019	\$	262,564	\$	805,024	\$	1,032,473		



